the marines in their bright uniforms, th

band, in its scarlet and gold, playing its most delightful music; the young 'mid-dies' or naval cadets in attendance upon the young lady guests, while Major Nich-

olson's lovely daughters, aided by their tur

baned slaves, were everywhere in attend-ance so that no one should be forgotten. "It was," said Dr. Hall, "old Southern hos-

No more interesting tenant has ever done

the honors of the old place than its pres-ent caner, Mrs. Emily E. Briggs. Her father was Robert Edson, the North Side

Chicago, millionaire, who helped to build

that wonderful metropolis of the West. It was only upon the death of her father that Mrs. Briggs enjoyed her share of the in-

terest upon his property amounting to \$8,

000 a year. This was amply sufficient,

AN ADVANCE IN SURGERY.

formed by a Russian Physician.

ng, gaping wound of about four inches in

over the femoral artery (the large artery which supplies the entire leg with blood).

the latter vessel having been laid bare

and severely bruised in the wreck, no

arge vessels having been torn.
Kamtsky, with the great wisdom of a

world of experience, wisely apprehended

uced by the entrance of air.

allowed the tube to fill with blood from that portion of the vessels below. Then the final test came when he gently and steadily removed the clamp above the tube.

ient died of acute pneumonia, and a post-

tient died of acute preumonia, and a post-mortem examination of the seat of the wound revealed a strong firm plastic com-position tube, immediately in the "situ" of the composition tube, the latter having been absorbed by the blood, not, however,

before the tymphatics had so encysted it, just as a bullet becomes encysted in the body after months of time, to the extent

that when the tube was eaten away by the blood this fibrous cost answered the origi-nal plan of circulation.

THE STRAWBERRIES FROZE.

Feast Full of Peculiar and As

tonishing Episodes.

(From the Detroit Free Press.)

It was while she yet knew little abou

the mysteries of the culinary department. But she had all the ambition of a youthful bride, and when he said it would be nice to have some of the first strawberries of

the season with ice cream, she cheerfully acquiesced and prepared the dish herself.

The occasion was a small family party, with the rector and a vestryman thrown

n. All went merrily till the ice cream and strawberries were served. Of course, it was his fittle nephew that first tackled

the toothsome mixture. A strawberry flew straight across the table from him and

took the astonished vestryman in the eye.

"Leave the table," shouted the boy's father: "I'll tend to you when we get

home," and the boy went tearfully to the

The father was so angry that he had

made rather a vicious stab at his cream. A strawberry like a buller hit the rector on

the end of the nose and caromed to the ear of the hostess. The father was in the

the wrong side of the heatty tongen ac-

looked anxious to fight when the

nd they're as hard as hallstones.

The fee stores of Windsor, Osberne, and Balmon

directly downward and in a line

(From the Philadelphia Enquirer.)

itality of the truest description.

FISHING ON THE POTOMAC

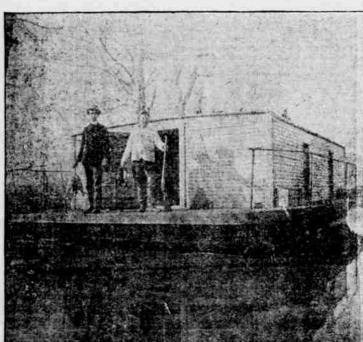
The Stream Ever a Boon to Piscatorial Devotees.

Clubbouses Abound at Various Points Along the Banks of the His-Georgetown-Sportsmen's Paradise

The Potomac River, the Rhine of the South, is a source of pleasure to the many thousands who view it merely as excursionists, and see it only as a waterway

place for fishermen. A very peculiar st cies, known as the toad fish, is caught here, much to the disgust of sportsmen, and the delight of those who admire the odd and outre in nature. Its skin is exceedigly tough and covered with bony cartifage, which doubtless protects it against its enemies. Upon the approach of danger it suddenly puffs itself into a

abundance and variety of fish as Point toric River-Old Times When Stur-geon Througed the Waters Above here combined with fresh water denizens. There is very good sheepshead fishing about two miles above Piney Point, upon the Maryland side. In fact, there are numerous excellent places along the lower Potomac where sport is to be obtained, and these are constantly patrolled by enthus astic fishermen, who generally form clubs and roam at their own sweet will in schooner, houseboat, or launch, sometin to places of resort. Perhaps the best appreciation of its beauties and possibilities is gathered by those who consider it from the sportsman's standpoint. These usually Point Comfort on the Chesapeake, and occasionally to the ocean, in the case of the case o form themselves into fishing or shooting greater number of those devoted exclu-



A Potomne River Houseboat.

clubs, and occasionally both combined, and cither possees their own hoat or charter such as they desire for the occasion of a club run. This old river man knows all those little coves and harbers where he can tay by in safety for the night when he is out on a long expedition. Many of them are not visible from the main expanse of the stream, owing to the woods which surround them, and as the hig steamers go by the passengers on their decks do not be river are not a large as formerly, one weighing from five to five and a half nounds. clubs, and occasionally both combined, and sively to the "gentle craft," but these ar get a view of the cosy houseboats hiding behind the trees.

wieldly as it is in appearance, is goner-ously partonized by club members on ex-tended quilings. They contain very often tended nutlings. They contain very often accommodations for eighteen or twenty people, which, if not pestively luxurious, are at least comfortable, with diningroom, electing berths, and everything conte to a pleasureable stay on the water.

present white perch are the only fish which are caught in any abundance on the

Potomac, but they are very picutiful. A string of 500 or 600 is no unusual day's catch for an experienced üsherman. Perch are caught below Little Falls and abound at all points in the neighborhood of Wash-

The rock, or striped hass, are also now coming up the river, and an occasional good catch is made. The black loss section is the chief feature of Potennac River fishing, and this will open in a few weedls.

The bass chiefly abound in the waters of the upper Poternac; that is, the siretch of the triver above Little Potential, and the mere descripted of which sublance the younger generation to silvent wonder and envy.

WHY MOUTHS ARE DEFORMED.

Smokers Not Careful in the Selection of Pines. hast named locality to Woodmont Club. House, near Cumberland, a distance of 150

grounds. The bars is the only fish which is caught in any quantity upon the waters of the upper Potomac, although the time is recalled by old flahermen when sturageon of four or five hundred pounds weight war landed as far up as Chain Bridge, and rock weighing from seventy-five to one hundreds pounds were caught much farther

One old fisherman, who remembers the times, asserts with colossal mendacity that at one period the coming of the stur-geon was sufficient to raise the water of the river five feet, and that a person could at some places walk from the Virginia to the Maryland shore upon the backs of these gigantic fish.

Newadays, however, a sturgeon in the waters of the Potomic is a rara avis, and the younger generation have a legitimate right to doubt the accuracy of the recol-lection of this venerable piscatorial ex-

Roil and gun clube under various name pursue their sport along the Potomac, and perhaps few streams in the country offer better opportunity for the combined pleas ures of hunting and fishing than do magnificent river separating the of the Nation from the soil of the Dominion. The banks of the river are dotted at intervals with club quarters whose members enjoy to the fullest the delight felt by the keen sportsman

At Quantice, a little distance this side of Blackstone's Island, several gun clubs have shooting boxes, which are sunk in the water in order to effectually conceal the occupant. Those who indulge in wild fowling for sport use merely the ordinary shotgue, but the professional game tripper em-ploys decay nets and various means for recurring his prey in greater numbers. Quantico, which is forty miles from Washington, is the nearest place to this city at which good game in any amount can be secured. The reed bird and other small species are to be found upon the marshy ground opposite the arrenal, but sports-

perfectly rotund shape, which, with its approach to human physiognomy, gives it a very peculiar appearance. Faw places in the country yield such an

weighing from five to five and a talf pounds being looked upon as an extraordinary Catfish are found in large numbers in

very edible meat. Very edible meat.

The work of professional fishermen is confined to seine and net dipping, and millions of fish are caught daily upon the Potoman by these means. It is said by the old fishermen that the cause of the de-creese in the larger fish is attributable to the fact that the ucts catch the smaller species which were used by the former for food. However this may be, it is certain that the catches made by the line to-day fail to produce those magnificent spec-imens which gratified the heart of the early fisherman, and the mere description of

of Pipes.

(From the Chicago Circustele.)

PASSING OF A LANDMARK

Maple Square to Be Merged Into a New Path of Existence.

old Mansion Fitted With Suggestions of Social Glories Long in the Buried Past-Its East Room Adornments and Old-Fashioned Wine Cellar-Romances of Ancient Days.

Historic Maple Square, comprising the ground between South Carolina Avenue and D Street and Sixth and Seventh Streets southeast, will shortly be convert ed into an educational institution founded upon the ideas of Mrs. Emily E. Briggs, who has been the owner of this property for the past twenty-eight years, and has, during all that time cherished the idea of devoting it to the interests and welfare of the industrial classes.

Mrs. Briggs has not yet decided upon the details of her institution, but it will probably be a modified form of one which she endeavored to originate some two years ago, which was abandoned owing to the antagonism at that time of the District Commissioners and Public School Board.

Maple Square, and its historic mansion form one of the oldest landmarks of early Washington. The house was built over 150 years ago. The architecture of the edifice s of the Queen Anne style, upon which nodel all the colonial homes in America are built. The oldest part of the structure s the central portion, the wings upon eith r side having been added at subsequent As it originally stood the house was the

As it originally stode the more was the abode of a wealthy tobacco planter whose demesse extended considerably beyond the three and one-half acres now comprising Maple Square. The bricks used 4n the building of the mansion were brought from Eugland. and the enterprising planter was probably the first to locate upon what was destined to be in time to come, a part of Washing-

ton city, proper.

The beauty, fashion, and wit of another generation have flourished within its precincts. Washington himself has doubtless been a guest, and Lafayette during his city, proper, the country has stopped to par ake of hospitality tendered in this old

At a later date, Webster, Clay, and Cal-At a later date, Wesser, Carresourse in sound have met in social intercourse in Maple Square, and Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas have merged political animosities for a time in the pleasure of a convivial hour within its acres. They have all passed away, the famous men and lovely women of the long ago, but the old house still retains its suggestion of a just age, and seems, while removed from the present, to be quietly reflecting upon its

ncient glory.

Back of the main building is a structure Back of the main substitute of the slave quarters, formerly devoted to the slave quarters, Charles Summer, a constant visitor, said: "Let the slave quarters remain; they will be an object lesson when we are none." This remark was made to John M. Clarton. United States Senator from Delaware, then the owner of the mansion, who thoroughly repaired it and added the east wing as a ballroom for his daughters. Senator Clay-

halfroom for his daughters. Senster Clayton was the first citizen of Washington to use gas in his house, and this toxury he had brought at his own expense from the Capitol at a cost of \$1.800. He did not live to enjoy the results of his labors, as upon his return for the purpose of bringing his family here, he contracted an illness and died at his Delaware home.

The east room is today perhaps the handromest in the house, and is in contract to the plain hallway and intermediate apartment, which, while elegant in tone, are furnished in the simple Dutch colonial style of the seventeenth century. In this apartment one notices a hand-some rese-colored Turkish divan, of the style now familiar in every drawing-riom. some rese-colored luthers divide to the style now familiar in every draw inc-room. This is said to be the first Turkish divan that was ever brought to this country, and furnished the model for all that have subsequently been constructed here. It was critically in the passession of the Turkish Minister, and upon his lessing the country was sold, a furniture maker previously, it was cold, a furniture maker previously, house near Cumberland, a distance of 550

House near Cumberland, a distance of 550

Physicians bereadouts and throughout the country renerally have be a called upon and sale includes it among the choice described in the neighborhood of the city, and resort to the more distant fishing able complaint is charged almost entirely handsome laquered cabinet, in aid with



In a Shady Nook.

er Potomic patronized by sportsmen are loid and similar preparations, with cellu-Cliffon Beach, Md. about forty miles from loid for the basis. They leads that there was miles down on the Maryland shore, the best and that the scarcity of genuine amber location on the latter being Rock Point.
There is very good shooting at both places. Colonial Beach is also an attractive

species are to be found upon the marshy ground opposite the arrenal, but sports men do not occupy themselves with these, and the few ducks which reach this d'stance up the river are luconsiderable in number.

The season for fowling lasts during the entire winner although the most severe wenther is that in which the greater supply of game abounds.

The sport has dangerous features, and in tracking wounded game upon the low marshy tanks or core of the river, the solitary sportsman is apt to sink into the mundy ground in which condition every effort at extrication tends to sink him deeper. Generally, however, two at least travel together, and by this means mutual protection is insured. Cases have been known where a man has remained imbedied in the 17th until the return of the lide to the spint many thanks or core of the criments. The hospital records show that over 50 per cent of all the cases treated were short-stemmed clay pipes causes a small bilister to form, and the smoker promptly deeper. Generally, however, two at least travel together, and by this means mutual protection is insured. Cases have been known where a man has remained imbedies of the apinion that the imitation that the imitation that the imitation of amber used in the manufacture of the distance in the satisfier of the date the distance has the distance had been case, while all of them agreed by the disk hown as to the pipe-smoking habit. Some our mother-of-pearl, which once adorned a

known where a man has remained imbedied in the 1vi.d until the return of the ide and been drowned with no opportunity of mying himself. Flat pieces of wood about eighteen inches square are generally worn as a protection against this dauger.

A great variety of fish in season is caught in the lower Potomac, including rock, perch (white and yellow), shad, and herring (which, however, are generally obtained is nets), carp, and other less prominent varieties. Pike are very rare, Piscataway Creek near Fort Washington, being one of the few places where they are caught.

Anong the prominent places in the lower Potomac patronized by sportsmen are lold and similar preparations, with ceilured and sometimes the longue swells to enormous size.

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It was built the house is the winder of the h young man had resided fifteen years in the house the eld Count died and the estate fell to Louis Charles. He immediately returned to his ancestral estates, but his wife said that she never experienced the delight

in the Court's splenoid castle that she did in the more humble abode. A FAMOUS OLD HOSTELRY

in the more humble abode.

The splendid grounds surrounding the mansion perhaps never showed to greater advantage than when the premises were owned by Major Augustus A. Nicholson, of owned by Major Augustus A. Nicholson, of the Marine Corps. This was more than fifty years ago and the scene presented by the house and park upon the occasion of one of the lavish belief given by Major Nicholson was brilliant in the extreme. The picture was often painted by the late Dr. James Ca-Hall, who counted it among the memories of his own gallant days. The house and grounds guarded by the marines in their bright uniforms, the Some Interesting Reminiscences of Willard's Hotel.

Formerly the Home of the United States Postoffice-Jenny Lind Sang in the Dining Saloon to a Prominent Audience-Historical Dinner to the Distinguished Lafayette.

The approaching doom of Willard's Hotel, better known to the old inhabitants as Willard's Tavern, which is soon to be torn down to make room for a pretentious \$3,-000,000 structure, recalls many facts and interesting reminiscences of the ancient hostelry which has sheltered more notables than perhaps any other public house in the country. From this building every President from Polk to Ceveland went forth to be inaugurated and such men as Lafayette, Webster, and Clay made it their home while in Washington

however, to absolve her from further la-bor with the pen, and she laid it aside in a professional capacity forever. It is not generally known that when the hotel first opened the United States Postoffice Department was quar-ered in the building and occupied three Repairing of Several Veins Persmall rooms on the first floor, at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Fourteenth In the recent medical archives in the Street. Here the entire business of the library of St. Petersburg is an account of a most wonderful operation performed by Kamtsky, one of the greatest surgeons of mail service of the country was transacted by a handful of clerks, and in less space than is now devoted to the most humble his time, an operation like which no other is recorded. Poitinkosh, a rich farmer, cuttle raiser, and reindeer farmer, residbranch sub-postoffice. As an evidence of the growth of the Union, it is a striking ing north of St. Petersburg, suffered an injury to the upper end of the right thigh, caused by being violently hurled from his sleigh, the latter having struck a stump. comparison between the two magnificent buildings now occupied by the Postoffice Department and the three little rooms which proved ample when Willard's Hotel The farmer in falling was jagged by a snag which struck about two inches below the fold of the flank, causing a torn, bleedfirst opened for the passing guest.

When Jenny Lind visited Washington to 1851 she sang in the dining-hall of the hotel, then the largest auditorium of the kind in the city. The audience which assembled on this occasion is a green memory in the minds of the oldest inhabitants and was at that time a wonderful gathering. It is related that President Fillmore and the members of his Cabinet were present. with all of the most famed personages of the day, and the applause which followed each rendition of the singer was said to be a remarkable demonstration.

the possible results of this pecul ar wound, and for the next twenty-four hours he spent every minute of his time, valuable as it was, working with chemical fire.

"The hotel is actually so old that house, and apparatus of divers seems to know just when it was first kinds until finally the object of his efbuilt," said Chtef Clerk Leich yesterday "The first purchaser was Walter Stewart to know it is actually so old that house, seems to know just when it was first kinds until finally the object of his efwith first purchaser was Walter Stewart to know it the land on which the first s it was, working with enemand of livers colories substances, and apparatus of divers inds until finally the object of his efforts was firished, a small hollow, earth, "The first purchaser was Walter Stewart, who bought the land on which the first haildings were erected which were used as dwelling houses, and finally incorporated into a hotel. The house subsequently hore the names of the Queen sequently hore slightly bluich tinty suprely noticeable, as equently, bore the names of the Queen on the end of the great toe. This was the signal for operation to the surgeon, and the stockman was inmediately taken to the operating room, where, in order to arrest occuming grangrene, he was subjected to an odd and experimental operation.

Alter the nations was aparthetized the research of the property on May 16, 1853. In 1870 the upper portion of the grounds was purchased, and the hotel was remodeled to its research of the property of the grounds was purchased, and the hotel was remodeled to its research of the property of the grounds was purchased, and the hotel was remodeled to its After the patient was specificized the present form in 1878.

After the patient was anesthetized the would was uncovered, carefaily cleaned, and the tissue carefully peshed and discreted away from the large artery, exceed away from the large artery, exceed away from the large artery, exceed away from the large artery, exceeding about three and one-half inches of President's and orange in the large artery. bruised vessel, ready to disintegrate. A dresses to the public, and this was long the favorite place of presenting prominent shore where normal sound tissue began; then he cut the artery at the junction of many of the anti-slavery speeches were

the bruised and sound tissue, and, corefully drawing the myste, case the slipped the cut,
aseptic hiding place he slipped the cut,
round end of the vessel into it about an
inch, being exceedifgly careful while so
doing to keep the bollow tube collapsed
and empty, so as to avoid all danger produced by the entrance of air.

"The first banquet given in the hotel
was tendered by Congress to the Marquis
guests present and it was a ten-days' wonder that the chef who prepared the feast
was pair, \$100 in gold for his services. At
the dinner Lafayette met the soldier who der that the chef who prepared the feast was pai, \$100 in gold for his services. At the dinner Lafayette met the soldier who had carried him from the field at Brandy-Repeating the same process at the lower end of the artery, he inserted the tube into the end of the vessel about the same dis-tance as the upper end lay in the tube. wine, and the distinguished Frenchman

the end of the vessel about the same distance as the upper end lay in the tube.

Then gently releasing the lower clamp, he allowed the tube to fill with blood from have had a part in running the Willard Hotel. Edwin Dorr Willard and Henry Augustus Willard were the original own-ers. Later Joseph Willard was taken into thus establishing an unbroken channel which would carry the blood to its normal distribution. A slight pouching of the tube at first caused some fear as to whether it which would carry the blood to its normal partnership. Edwin Willard died during distribution. A slight pourhing of the tube the war from the effects of a disease continuous tracted while in the service. Caleb Willer strong enough to stand the pressure lard, the present owner of the Ebhitt of the heart wave of blood as the larter. pulsated through its new channel. This as a beliboy. Joseph Willard ran the ho-latter defect was overcome, however, when the tube was laid in the bed of the bruised family.

"On January 5, 1861, a caucus was held exsected portion and the external support of the muscles and tissues gave it sufficient at the hotel by fourteen Senators who strength to overcome the pressure of the blood stream. The wound was carefully care of the South Jefferson Davis we. blood stream. The wound was carefully closed, the parts set at rest, and results awaited. In thirty-six hours the blue tint had disappeared from the toe and the color of the skin of the leg changed from a payanshy to a pink.

Two mouths afterward the patient was attending his everyday duties as formerly, suffering no inconvenience whatever from the same year the country and dispute the same year the peace Commission met at Williard's Hall, but adjourned March I, finding their efforts unavailing. President Linetin, accompanied by Ward Lamon and Norman B. Judd, of Chicago, arrived at the Washington depends on the same year the peace Commission met at Williard's Hall, but adjourned March I, finding their efforts unavailing. President Linetin, accompanied by Ward Lamon and Norman B. Judd, of Chicago, arrived at the Washington depends on the same year the peace Commission met at Williard's Hall, but adjourned March I, finding their efforts unavailing. President Linetin, accompanied by Ward Lamon and Norman B. Judd, of Chicago, arrived at the Washington depends on the same year the peace of the same year the peace Commission met at Williard's Hall, but adjourned March I, finding their efforts unavailing. President Linetin, accompanied by Ward Lamon and Norman B. Judd, of Chicago, arrived at the Washington and the same year the peace of t to Willard's, where a conference was held with Mr. Seward. On March 6 the Confederate Commissioners arrived and stayed at the same hotel.

"Cassius M. Clay organized a battalion at Willard's in April, 1861, and many stirring gatherings assembled here. It seems like a sacrilege to tear the

PUNISHED FOR NOT SALUTING. A Merchant Ship Captain's Experience With the German Emperor.

(From the London Post 1 Our readers are acquainted with the circumstances of the dismissal of Captain Spence from the employment of James 'urrie & Co. after ten years' blameless ervice. The former shipmaster was pi-oring the North Star through a difficult channel in the Weser when he met a Gerwind. A northwesterly gale was blowing in his teeth, and just as he had negotiated the corner with sufficient room to pass in safety Captain Spence noticed that the German vessel was flying the imperial German vessel was flying the imperial standard. His anxious navigation and the fact that the flag had been ellinging around the mast had prevented him from observ-ing it before; and, most unfortunately and to his own deep regret, he was too late in returning the salute. The warship, with the German Emperor on board, was rap-idly massing out of sight when the law of idly passing out of sight when the law of couriesy was satisfied. The shipmaster lost his place in consequence, and he ac-quiesced in the justice of the penalty which was the inevitable result of the correspondence that had passed between his ployers and the German Embassy in

first sentence of an abject apology when the rector's spoon made a slip and a solidi-fied strawberry whizzed on a bee tine, hit grandma on the jugular and then slid down But the story has a gratifying sequel. As Captain Spence informed us the other day, he addressed a letter to the Emperor in which he gave a plain account f the facts and expressed his sincere concern for the inadvertence. It is extremely pleasant to learn that the Emperor Wility, but the host was getting very red and his voice was not steady as he intimated liam, who is himself a sailor, has been graciously pleased to accord a sympathetic ear to the apology. In a jetter which has reached Messrs. Currie from the German specification puzzled me, and I suggested a desire to call game and settle down to eating. He made a dive with his spoon, the rest followed his example, and the air was full of frozen strawberries. Every-Minister Plenipotentiary in London, Count Metternich is directed by his Government to transmit His Mnjesty's best thanks, and to inform them at the same time that His Majesty "would feel sorry if Captain bride diverted their wrath to laughter,
"My goodness!" she exclaimed, "I see it
all now. What a ninny! I put those straw-berries in whole instead of crushing them Spence would lose his living." This act of royal generosity does credit to the Em-peror's heart no less than to his unfailing good sense. Captain Spence was guilty of would lose his living. Thi Then the rector graciously explained what a large percentage of water there is in the strawberry and facetiously asked the vestryman if his eye was black. The vestryman if his eye was black. grave breach of international custom at His ship was saluted by a foreign tryman responded that the rector's nose was red, grandma said that she was over her chill, and the small boy was called in to a double portion of his dessert. power as well as by a foreign sovereign, and he did not recognize the salute. But grave as the omission was, it was capable of explanation and excuse, and the delinquent's previous record was a proof of his innocence in intention. We are glad that this view of the circumstances has pre-called with His Imperial Majesty, who will are very large. At Windsor there is storage room of about 500 tops. There the supply is obtained from the lake beneath the north terrace, from Sognete, and from the lake between Fognious and Virginia water, he is not only lavishly used in the toyal kitchen, but also for reducing the temperature of Her Majesty's apartmenta in not weather. Then it is packed in attractive wooden buckets, which are deposited in the fireplaces, have added by his graceful act at least one more enthusiast to his many admirers in Great Britain. Captain Spence's rein-statement is assured, and he will owe it directly to the Emperor.

RECENT FINDS OF PAPYRI,

Fragments of Classical Literature and Interesting Documents.

(From the London Globe.) It would seem that Egypt is determined to vindicate to her utmost extent her title of the land of letters. While decipherers and explorers are restoring to us the his-tory and civilization of the most remot-ages, and giving to the chronicles of the Pharachs a restorative enlargement farachs a restorative enlargement far beyond our wildest expectations, other laborers are restoring to us the later chapters of her history, when the lice of the Fharaoha had succumbed to the conquering Greek and Roman. The second installment of Greco-Roman papyri, from the explorations at Ben Hesa, the ancient Oxyrhyncus, carried out by Mesura. Hunt and Grenfell, is rich in historical material. It is indeed an astonishing revelation of the literary activity in classic times in Egypt that some hundreds of manuscripts.

Egypt that some hundreds of manuscrip have been obtained from the ruins of a small provincial town in the Thebiad. From this little town some classic fragments of all the best known authors— Homer, Euripides, Thucydides, Plato, Xen-ophon, and an unknown work of Aris-tophanes. If this wealth of literature was found in a minor centre such as Oxyrhyncus, what might we have hoped for had the treasures of Alexandria been preserved? The vast number of papyri both literary and official, discovered dur ing recent years in middle Egypt and the Fayoum are alone proof of the treasures destroyed by the fanaticism of Omar.

The series of papyrl now published do not contain such treasures as "The Logia of Jesus" or the new poem of Sappho, but we have a charming fragment of a comedy of Menander of which little more than the name was extant until now. It is called 'Perikeiromene,' or the "Cropped Lady," and relates to the story of a soldier who in a drunken fit cut off the locks of his mistress. The small fragment of the last act is so pleasing that it is to be hoped that more will be found. For historical purposes one of the most important ried embraced is a rich one in literature and art and the new list will enable us Pindar and Bacchylides, and of the scuiptors Polyeletus, Myron, and others,

If the find is important in the additions a affords to our knowledge of classical imes it is still more important in the insight it affords into the innermost cir-cles of domestic life. The period covered by these documents—namely, the first cen-turies before and after the Christian Era was one of great official activity, and the affairs of many families can be traced with minute accuracy. There is a most inter-esting series of documents relating to the lomestic affairs of a certain Tryphon, a weaver of Oxprhysicus. Born in the year 8 A. D., he married a woman named Deme-trons, but the union lasted but a short ime, for in about 34-35 A. D. we find him time, for in about 34-35 A. D. we find him presenting a petition thus worded to the courts: "I married Demetrons, the daughter of Heraclides, and for my part I provided for my wife, in a manner that exceeded my resources. But she became dissatisfied with our union, and finally jeft the house, carrying off property belonging to me." He demands her punishment and the return of his property. The real source of the trouble was the "mother-in-law," as in modern cases.

in modern cases. Having rid bimself of Demetrons, the Having rid limself of Demetrons, the hushand takes a new wife, but, as a measure of caution, only on trial for a period apparently of five months. The new wife, named Saraeus, brings him a dowry of forty drachmae of silver, a robe and a pair of gold earrings, and these or the equivalent value are to be returned at the end of the five months, if the temporary union is not successful. Soon after marriage is not successful. is not successful. Soon after marriage trouble appears in the form of the discarded wife, her mother and friends, who assault the new bride, and once more the "affaire Tryphon" is before the courts. Punishment being meted out, the house-

hold is once more in peace.

From the newly discovered records we can trace the history very clearly. The pair lived together in happiness for at least twenty-three years, and two sons and a daughter were born, the second son, Thoonis, in 54 A. D., and twelve years later was apprenticed to a weaver to learn the trade, his father's eyesight hav-ing grown too dim to teach him. All this All this the wife, Saraeus, had not de ed the dowry which should have returned to her after five months' trial, but, seven years after there seems to have been a domestic crisis, though cally of a passing nature, and we find the lowry paid through a firm of local bankers

been quite so smooth as that of Tryphon's household, as the following petition of a But Sarapion, having squandered my dowry as he pleased, continually Eltreated me, using violence toward me, and depriving me of the necessaries of life; finally he deserted me, leaving me in a state of destitution." Although told some state of destitution." Although told some 1890 years ago, there is a very modern aspect about the petition of Syra, and it is to be hoped she was well rid of the brute. Some of the private letters are very quaint, though we lack so rich a mornel as the letter of the boy Theon in the first series. Thus a writer breaks off in eries. Thus a writer breaks off in middle of a letter relating to a law case in Alexandria to ask. Let me know about our bald headed friend; how is his hair growing again on top?" In another letter the writer declares to his sister as a token of sympathy. "I have not washed for a month." month." Woman's wardrobe was always a source of trouble. Thus in a letter from Alexandria to his sister a writer says. "Many greetings and continued goost health. You have not sent me one word about the clothes, either by letter or mass sage; they are still waiting for you, unit you send me word." Such are but a few man warship entering the river before the wind. A northwesterly gale was blowing torn papers, which have lain for centuries in his teeth, and just as he had negotiated beneath the sand of the Libyan Desert, to be at last reverently opened and read by those who prize these records of the ope ing of our era; and each to add its to the reconstruction of the world's h The work of the Egypt Exploration Fun in this field of Greco-Roman research has been rich in results, and will, we hope still be continued with still greater suc-

READERS OF BOOKS.

Tastes That Pervade Certain Folk Needing Mental Recreation.

(From the New Orleans Times Democrat.) "Our customers frequently ask us dvice in the matter of reading." bookstore man, "and some of the ques-tions are rather peculiar. The other day a very self-possessed young woman came in and told me she wanted to take up a course of 'classical study.' She was a stenographer, she said, and was too tired at night to read anything very dull or offhand that she try Homer's "Illiad."
Oh! I've read one of his poems before,
she said, 'and I don't like it a bit. It was all full of words I couldn't understand. 'I suppose you are speaking of the Od-yssey,' said I. 'No,' she replied, 'I mean his 'Ka-yam-Omar's Ka-yam' or whatever you call it. It's written by the same party, isn't it? 'Well-er-no.' I said, it's supposed to have been really written g Dago of the name of Rubalyat, as looked bored and compromised on on of Miss Laura Jean Libby's historica comances.

"That reminds me, by the way, of a chap who came in only last evening and asked me if I couldn't recommend something ex citing. I ran over several works of the 'Red Robe' order and finally suggested The Black Wolf's Breed. 'Oh, no,' he said, 'Tve just waded through the second 'Jungle Book,' and I don't want any more animal stories for at least nine years."

A LUZON WEDDING PARTY

Ceremonies of a Marriage in the Philippine Islands.

Nuptial Ties in the Early Morning at San Isidro in Luzon - A Happy Apothecary United to a Senorita of the Island-An Elaborate Breakfast Follows the Happy Event.

SAN ISIDRO, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The adjutant general of the brigade had pushed a heap of papers to one side and sat thinking over the rumor that Russia and the United States were about to engage in war, and wendering if he would be lucky enough to receive an appointment of Major "Mex," as the volunteer staff ommissions are called. It was a sizzling hot day. Without the wide-opened windows a fair substitute for a merking bird sang a dozen strains and then seemingly collapsed, his song being dried up by the herce heat. An orderly came briskly into the sun-flooded office and said, "There's a native wishes to see the adjutant general, sir!" And thus it happened that we were all surprised and much gratified, two days since, to receive an invitation to attend the wedding of the one apothecary of this place and Senorita Gonzales. The hour of the ceremony was announced as 5 o'clock in the morning, in accordance with the customs of the Church.

Three of us turned out at 4:30 the next Three of us turned out at 4:38 the next morning, but this is the land of "manana," and it was an hour later before the candle gleams began to stream through the crevices in the rickety church and groups of spectators began to patter toward us along the dusty street. The men were for the most part in freshly laundered suits of white, and the women's garments ranged in color from the somer black of formal in color from the sombre black of formal churchgoing dresses to the gayest of pinks and purples. But the church rule of veiled heads for women when it a sarred edifice was overicoked by none of the gathering crowd of slender brown senoritas or more

portly and darker senoras.

With the foremost guests came the native orchestra, of violins, 'cello, and horn, with the leader in flowing shirt and trousers of a daring check.

He was a true Filipino, for he was barefooted, save for a pair of dusty, heelless
slippers, and scorned a hat.

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The church opened, most of the waiting groups followed the orchestre within that they like the speciators of a y other nationality, might secure advantageous places, each pausing, as good Catholic Church people should, to sign their forcheads with holy water dipped from the two great seashells that served as fonts. The groom, however, waited with us for his bride. When she had arrived in the only quitez that the town affords accompanied. quilez that the town affords, accompanied by three of her female relatives, he tossed aside his third eighrette of the morning and met her at the church door. She was in gorgeous attire. A skirt of heavy bro in gorgeous attire. A skirt of heavy bro-caded slik of brightest pink, the color not less pronounced than was the cabbage-leaf pattern; a bodies of embroidered pina cioth, the rosebuds thereon rivaling in their bursting flashes of color the start-ling pinkiness of the skirt; these, with as daintily an arranged veil as any bride eve-wore, and held in place by a tiny wreath of grange blossoms gave her all of the blushorange blossoms, gave her all of the blushing effect of pink on white, so desired since brides have been, and denied her so sailly by her natural coloring. Now there was no delay. The orchestra plunged gallantly into a really dreamy walts. The groom of-fered his hand to the trim little figure in pink, and friends and allens followed the little party to the centre of the church, where the padre stood with accompanying

acolytes to receive them.

The fanilite train of silk swept slowly over the dusty flour of brick and came to a hait at the edge of a rug of crude red. whose color swore violently at the Chinese pink above it. There was no variation in the usual ceremonies of the Catholic Church, but there was one indicrous piece of forgetfulners on the part of the bride-groom. He had forgotten to put aside his hat before he met his bride and it was necessary for him to interrupt the cere-mony long enough to call to one of the All family life does not appear to have party to relieve the now embarrassed gentlemon of that article. And when cam ceremony of the giving of estate to the bride we saw the need that there was for the man's two hands. For the best man wife shows: The plaintiff cays
the daughter of Teron, married Sarapion, bringing him by cession a dowry amounting to 200 drachmae of silver. As he was destilate of means I received him into destilate of means I received him into the parsed from bridgeroem to priest and beck again to the then to the senorita and back again to the future man of family, as the token of the giving of endowment and sharing of worldly possessions. When this symbolism had ended, the ever-efficient man of affairs of the occasion, or sexton, quickly returned the shining coins to their obliging owner, and he dropped them into his pocket with much estentiation. There had been many murmurs of wonderment at the sight of so much wealth from the crowd of kneeling witnesses and I have no doubt that the double object of the gold had been accom-plished. The ceremony was conducted plished. The ceremony was conducted partly in the Spanish language and partly in that of the Church, or Latin. Both were strange tongues to the girl, for I later heard her say to one of our party that she did not understand Spanish.

For the conclusion, the party new moved to the foot of the brilliantly illuminated after. Chairs had been provided for the family, and we were included in that chosen circle. The orchestra nos that chosen circle. The orehestra now beat its way into a sweet song-like strain. It was not the beautiful 'the voice that breathed o'er Eden,' but it was a satisfying, thrilling native air, that carried much of home thoughts in its liquid notes of violins and softer 'cello to the cars of that little group of strangers there present.

But now the swarthy padre is leaving the altar and the newly undeed anotherary leaves his emotionless bride to hasten to extend to us an invitation to the well-

o extend to us an invitation to the weddo extend to us an invitation to the weighting breakfast. When we arrived at the home of the bride we found the ferst prepared, and, after all the ladies had breakfasted in one chattering crowd, the men were scated and had served to them delicious native chocolate and little cakes, ith accompanying digarettes.
As we had now spent the time until our

nesses were awaiting our return for our reakfasts, we made our adieu in our best panish and were thus spared the sight of the seizure of one of the guests as an insurgent captain. It was all done very quietly and without roughness, and later, when the happy apothecary and the new senora drove away for Manila in the uilez, there was one guest missing from the throng that waved good-byes from the high balcony just opposite the guard house. It was unfortunate, but we needed that one guest, and we had been sufficiently con-siderate to allow him to attend his former sweetheart's wedding. That all came out in the little talk that the provost marshal had with the cresifallen captain later in the day. It was all very touching. Was it not? But that is the way things go sometimes. The girl and happiness for one; the guard house and hopelessness for another. The little spray of grange blossoms pinned to the captain's coat was sadly wilted, but not more so than the captain himself as he stood holding to the iron bars of the window of his cell and watched he breaking up of her wedding party.

Hones to be embarked are drawn up by froms as near the points of embarkation as possible. Their saidles and necroes are taken off and packed in large saids, while they are provided with ship's rolans. No fewer than five men are required to "ding" a horse quickly and well. Carnan holds the "head gay," which is made fact to the ship's head-cellar. Two men stand on each side of the animal and hold up the sling intil the horse's legs beave the ground, and the free remaining soldiers stand at the head and fail to fasten the breast-strap and breeching, respectively.